

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously presented) A golf club head according to claim 8, wherein
the thickness of the back part is from 0.7 to 1.8 mm.

3-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) A golf club head having a head volume in a range of from 355 to 450 cc and comprising

a hollow body comprising a face portion and sole portion each made of a metal material,
the hollow body having a structure producing a ball-hitting sound whose maximum sound
pressure level occurs around 6.3 kHz,

said structure including:

said sole portion comprising a front part and a back part next to the front part, wherein
the front part is thicker than the back part and has a substantially constant thickness of
from 1.2 to 1.8 mm, and the decrease in the thickness of the sole portion from that of the front
part to that of the back part concentrates near the rear edge of the front part; and

the surface area of the sole portion being in a range of from 4000 to 5500 mm², and

the front part has a rear edge (K) that is curved convexly toward the club face.

9-11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously presented) The golf club head according to claim 2, in which the front part has a
rear edge (K) that is positioned in the middle of the length (LS) of the sole portion in the front-
to-back direction.

13-16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously presented) A golf club head having a head volume in a range of from 355 to 450 cc and comprising

a hollow body comprising a face portion and sole portion each made of a metal material, said sole portion comprising a front part and a back part next to the front part, wherein said front part is thicker than the back part,

the decrease in the thickness of the sole portion from that of the front part to that of the back part concentrates near the rear edge of the front part, and said rear edge is curved convexly toward the club face,

said front part has a substantially constant thickness of from 1.2 to 1.8 mm, said back part has a thickness of from 0.7 to 1.8 mm, and the ratio of the thickness of the back part to the thickness of the front part is greater than 0.5 but less than 1,

the surface area of the sole portion is in a range of from 4000 to 5500 mm².